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Westfield Amends Sign Ordinance in Reference to Temporary Signage

Westfield, IN – Community Development Director, Greg Anderson, announced that amendments have been made to the current sign ordinance that affects temporary/special event signage in the Town of Westfield. These amendments were approved by the Westfield Town Council on September 10, 2007 and are currently in effect.

The new sign ordinance allows residents to apply for a permit for a temporary/special event sign (garage sale, church function, school function, etc) in a residential district. The permits will cost the applicant five dollars (\$5) and allow for one sign in the right-of-way adjacent to the street name sign, and 3 other signs on private property, with permission from property owners. The applicant will be given a colored sticker, to be placed on the sign, indicating the dates for which the signs have been permitted.

Additionally, subdivisions are permitted to use one sandwich board sign per entrance (advertising Homeowners Association events) placed in the common area.

“This is in response to the numerous complaints from residents about the inability to advertize their neighborhood’s special events,” says Greg Anderson. “We’re trying to be accommodating, yet ensure that our Town’s appearance does not suffer, and we believe this is an adequate compromise.”

Town officials are hoping that the next step is to streamline the sign permitting process by creating an online application system. Advantages of this system would not only be convenience, but it also will allow the applicant to post their special event on the Town’s website.

Any signage placed on utility poles, traffic lights, traffic signals, street signs, fire hydrants, trash receptacles, benches, trees or other publically-owned items will be promptly removed by the Town. Signs that are permitted but not posted in the proper location will also be removed by the Town.

For more specific details about the amendments made to the sign ordinance, please contact the Community Development Department at 317-896-5577 or visit www.westfield.in.gov.

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